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MONROVIA FOR AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION-ITEM 28,
SUBCOMMISSION ELECTIONS

1. WHAT HAD APPEARED TO BE A ROUTINE ELECTION FOR
SUBCOMMISSION MEMBERS TURNED INTO A BITTER DAY LONG
SQUABBLE WHEN A "GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT" ALLOWING AFRICANS
7 SEATS AND ASIANS 5 SEATS OF ALLOTTED 12 AFRO-ASIAN
SEATS UNDER ECOSOC RES. 1334 (XLIV) WAS REVERSED IN THE
VOTE. IN A COMEDY OF ERRORS CHAIRMAN FIRST ANNOUNCED
AFRICANS HAD EIGHT SEATS AND ASIANS FOUR. ASIANS
STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT UNTIL
CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED A MISTAKE HAD BEEN MADE AND ASIANS
HAD WON EIGHT SEATS TO AFRICA'S FOUR.

2. LONG INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF MANNER OF RESOLVING
DILEMMA POSED BY GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT FINALLY RESOLVED
WHEN SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES REQUESTED CHAIRMAN M'BAYE
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TO MAKE RULING. HE INTERPRETED THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
AND ECOSOC RES. 1334 AS GIVING SEATS TO THOSE CANDIDATES
WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY
GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THIS RULING WILL STAND,
LEAVING SUB-SAHARA AFRICA WITH TWO SEATS. REGARDLESS

OF AFRICAN FEELINGS SEVERAL ASIANS HAVE DECLARED AFTER
VOTE THEY WILL NOT GIVE UP THEIR SEATS TO AFRICANS.

4. U.S. CANDIDATE BEVERLY CARTER WAS ELECTED WITH 23
VOTES. EXPERTS FROM BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY WERE ELECTED,
REPLACING BELGIUM AND ITALY IN WEO GROUP. IN THE LATIN
AMERICAN REGION EXPERT FROM ARGENTINA WON WITH 26 VOTES.
EE COUNTRYS' CANDIDATES ROMANIA, BULGARIA AND USSR WERE
ALL ELECTED.

5. FOLLOWING IS VOTE TALLEY BY REGION:

--WEO'S (6 SEATS)

USA (CARTER) - 23
GREECE (DAES) - 25
TURKEY (FISEK) - 20
AUSTRIA (NETTEL)-27
FRANCE (QUESTIAUX) - 27
BELGIUM (SCHREIBER) - 13
UK (WHITAKER) - 22
ITALY (CASSESE) - 14

-- LA'S (5 SEATS)

ARGENTINA (AMADEO) - 26
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GUATEMALA (CHACON PAZOS) - 5
PERU (FERRERO COSTA) - 27
COLOMBIA (HOLGUIN HOLGUIN) - 29
ECUADOR (MARTINEZ COBO) - 22
NICARAGUA (NAVARRO RICHARDSON) - 4
COSTA RICA (ORTIZ MARTIN) - 13
BARBADOS (PAYNE) - 12
MEXICO (MARTINEZ-BAEZ) - 22

-- EE'S (3 SEATS)

ROMANIA (CEAUSU) - 29
USSR (SMIRNOV) - 27
BULGARIA (BAHNEV) - 27

--AFRO-ASIANS (12 SEATS)

TUNISIA (BOUHDIBA) - 20
SYRIA (EL KHANI) - 21
NIGERIA (JIMETA) - 30
EGYPT (KHALIFA) - 28
KENYA (KINYANJUI) - 16

GHANA (NYAMEKYE) - 19
ZAIRE (M'BOMA) - 8
JORDAN (SADI) - 25
MAURITANIA (SIDI) - 12
IVORY COAST (USHER) - 23
MOROCCO (WARAZI) - 25
IRAQ (YUSSIF) - 12
CAMEROON (NGUINI) - 4
CAMEROON (LIFFAFA) - 1
BANGLADESH (CHOWDBURY)-21
IRAN (GANJI) - 21
SRI LANKA (JAYAWARDENE) - 22

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JAPAN (MIZOKUCHI) - 8
PAKISTAN (PIRZADA) - 23
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